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West Valley City and Nantou, Taiwan to Participate in Sister City Student Exchange Program Targeting Language, Arts and Culture

West Valley City – For the past 12 years West Valley City, Utah, USA has enjoyed a Sister City relationship with Nantou City, Taiwan, Republic of China. This year the highlight of this relationship will be a student exchange between the two.

On June 4 a delegation of ten West Valley City high school students will travel to Nantou for 29 days. Students will have daily lessons in Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese culture, and will enjoy field trips to cultural areas throughout the County of Nantou. This experience, coupled with living with families with students the same age, will allow the delegation to return to West Valley City with a greater knowledge of the Chinese language and culture.

On July 22 a delegation of 13 Nantou students will arrive in West Valley City to return the exchange visit. These students will stay with the families of the West Valley City delegation and other residents of West Valley City. They will participate in daily English and culture classes and will take field trips to cultural attractions throughout the Salt Lake City – West Valley City Metro area. English and culture classes will take place at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City and will be taught by volunteer teachers from the area. The students from Nantou will return home on August 19 with a greater knowledge of the English language and American culture.

West Valley City maintains sister city relationships with Nantou as well as Veracruz, Mexico to promote economic, cultural and educational opportunities. Previous exchange students who have come to West Valley City from Nantou have returned later in their life to study and graduate from the University of Utah and other universities throughout the nation.

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